

## Session 5: Indure Well

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If you want to know what someone is made of, watch what comes out when they're squeezed by life. Think about Moses' mother, Jochabed. How did she find the strength to withstand when faced with the horrific situation that threatened the life of her child? This week we will examine how to endure well in hardship. Our legacy of faith is built in relationships with others, shaped by our experiences and solidified in adversity. When you endure trials well, your children get a first-hand look at God's faithfulness in the toughest of circumstances.

1.	Read the key scripture passages for this study.

Exodus 2:1-10 Hebrews 11:23-27

- 2. What difficult circumstances have you faced?
- 3. \*Read John 16:33. What does scripture say about <u>trouble</u> in this life?

4. Jesus promises us he has overcome the world, so we can put our trust in Him when we face trials. What do these scriptures say about <u>facing trials</u>? Write the main thought for each.

James 1:2-4

Romans 5:3-5

5.	*When we find ourselves in the midst of trials and suffering, God can use those times to deepen our faith, increase our trust in Him and bring glory to His name. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 tells us His power is made perfect in our weakness. Consider difficult circumstances you've faced. How have you seen Jesus be your strength?
6.	*The video notes, "We cannot choose the circumstances that build our legacy of faith. We can only choose the object of our faith in tough circumstances." What can you teach your children about God by enduring hardships with a heart surrendered to Him? How does this leave a legacy of faith?
7.	Moses' mother endured well. In later years, scripture records how Moses endured well. Read Hebrews 11:24-26. What motivated Moses to choose following God's way over the "easy way" of this world?
8.	Read the following scripture about the <u>reward</u> for enduring well. Write the main thought for each. How do these verses encourage you to persevere?
	Galatians 6:9
	James 1:12
9.	*When you face trials, are you looking ahead to the reward of knowing Jesus more intimately? Are you persevering because you have a relationship with God? Read Romans 8:28. Make a list of the good that has come from your difficult circumstances.

10. Read the following scriptures. How can you use the words of Jesus to encourage your children to endure well in trials? Begin speaking God's truth as you train them to trust God when life seems unfair.

Matthew 19:26

Matthew 6:31-34

John 14:1

Moses' mother began leaving a legacy of faith for her children when they were young, long before they were old enough to choose following God for themselves. We can build a foundation of faith, give our children experiences in which they encounter God's faithfulness, then trust Him with the rest.

Be intentional about leaving a legacy of faith to your children. The next generation is counting on you.

Lord, in all things, you work for my good. When adversity comes and my heart fails me, I pray You would be the strength in my weakness. Use the troublesome times to draw me closer so I will trust You more. Let my children see me press into Your unending love for me when life is hard. Amen.

## **Notes for Thrive Group Discussion:**

- 1. Briefly share your thoughts on the video, Session 5: Endure Well.
- 2. Talk about how you've seen God's faithfulness in difficult circumstances in your life.
- 3. Discuss the questions marked with \*. If time allows, share answers to other questions from the study.
- 4. Consider how you can lead your children to know God more intimately by your desire to endure trials with God's help.
- 5. Pray for the needs in your group.

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